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Examiner: Gold, Avi M.
For: METHOD FOR GENERATING A NETWORK MAP

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 5 and 7 as set forth below. A complete claim listing is included.